

# NOTICE RE: FEE INCREASES

Effective 9-15-2003 the fee for the services of an official court reporter will be **\$200.00** per half day of service. All parties shall deposit their pro rata share of the court reporter fees with the clerk of the court (Superior Court Clerk's Office) as directed by the court, but not later than the conclusion of each day's court session.

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## CLARIFICATION RE: FILING FEES

Effective 8-17-2003

### COURT REPORTER SURCHARGE

The fee for filing a new civil (over \$10,000) or family law case, or for filing a responsive pleading in such cases, was increased by the addition of a \$25 non-refundable surcharge **per party** appearing. The revised fee schedule lists a base filing fee amount, to which must be added **\$25 per plaintiff** (for new complaints or petitions) or **\$25 per defendant** appearing (for responsive pleadings).

The fee for a summary dissolution of marriage is **\$300** because a surcharge is added for both the petitioner and the respondent.

**NOTE:** the base filing fee is charged **once** for a new case and **per defendant/respondent** for answers and responsive pleadings.

***EXAMPLE 1: An Unlimited Civil complaint with 2 plaintiffs.***

\$250.00 base fee + (\$25.00 x 2 plaintiffs) = Total fee **\$300.00**

***EXAMPLE 2: A Limited Civil (over \$10,000) answer for 3 defendants.***

(\$258.00 base fee + \$25.00) x 3 defendants = Total fee **\$849.00**.

The \$25 surcharge per plaintiff or defendant **does not apply** to Small Claims cases, Limited Civil cases under \$10,000, and Probate cases.

### COMPLEX CASE FEE

The fee for filing a new civil case with a Civil Case Cover Sheet that designates the case as Complex was increased by the addition of a \$550.00 Complex Case fee. The fee for filing a responsive pleading with a Civil Case Cover Sheet that either joins in or opposes designating a case as Complex was increased by the addition of a \$550.00 Complex Case fee per defendant appearing.

***EXAMPLE 1: An Unlimited Civil answer for 4 defendants.***

(\$247.00 base fee + \$25.00 + \$550.00) x 4 defendants = Total fee **\$3288.00**.